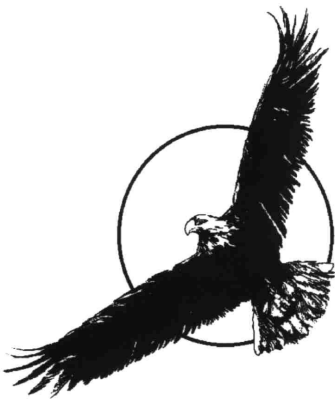


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TO HAVE FAITH IS TO HAVE WINGS.

-J. M. BARRIE



St. John's Quarterly Financial Report

	Month of March	Yr-to-date March	Budget Year to date	Over (under) Budget	Annual Budget
Revenues:					
Pledges	\$ 33,185	\$155,399	\$187,000	\$ -31,601	\$420,000
Non-pledged	36,212	73,963	68,300	5,663	225,000
Other	60	330	500	-170	2,000
Total Revenues	\$ 69,457	\$229,692	\$255,800	\$ -26,108	\$647,000
Expenses:					
Salaries & benefits	\$ 24,692	\$ 74,133	\$ 68,682	\$ 5,451	\$274,728
Church facilities	2,807	10,359	15,625	-5,266	144,954
Utilities	955	3,876	4,367	-491	19,800
Administration	13,123	34,562	34,954	-392	119,814
Ministries & Committees	12,857	29,379	21,571	7,808	87,704
Total Expenses	\$ 54,434	\$152,309	\$145,199	\$ 7,110	\$647,000
Net Operating Total	\$ 15,023	\$ 77,383	\$110,601	\$-33,218	\$ 0

George Baitis, Treasurer

A reminder about St. John's summer finances

The financial position of St. John's is strong. However, during the off-season, our expenses remain constant, while our revenues from pledges and plate offerings drop significantly.

Please keep your pledges current so that we can minimize the deficits we experience in the summer months. □

Peter Zimmermann, Sr. Warden



St. John's Habitat Day

Save Saturday, May 10, for St. John's Day at Habitat for Humanity.

In the past, we have had semi-annual Parish-wide "Habitat days" and are resuming that ministry on May 10. All sorts of talents are needed: carpentry, painting, installing woodwork, general clean-up and whatever else goes along with building homes.

We have a small but dedicated group of St. John's parishioners working one Saturday morning per month for Habitat. It has been a very rewarding opportunity to work alongside people who will benefit from this effort.

We will depart the church parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and return by 1:00 p.m. Brochures describing Habitat for Humanity programs are in the Vestibule. □

**Please join us on
Saturday, May 10.**

Morgan Rees

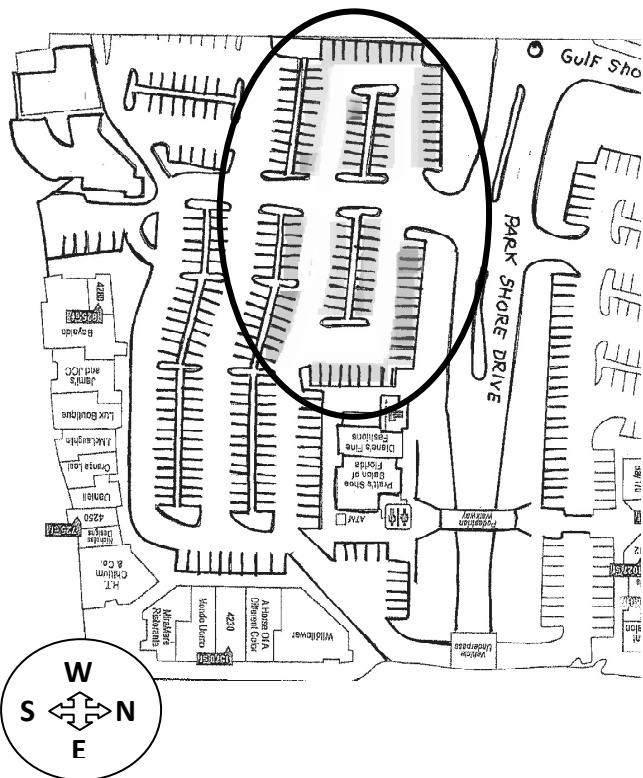
Going North for the summer? Be sure the office knows and has your address.

Venetian Village to provide Sunday parking and shuttle during Phase III

Phase III starts with the south parking lot on Monday, May 5. Since this is our biggest parking area, it's important to make accommodations for Sunday worship attendance. Hence, **beginning Sunday, May 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.**, a parking shuttle will be provided from Venetian Village to the church. Once St. John's west and north lots are full, you'll need to proceed across the bay bridge and make a left into Venetian Village parking area on the Bayside Grille side. The van will be there to drive you the short distance to church, then drive you back to your car after services.

Once the south parking lot is ready for use, construction on the west and north lots will commence, with a target completion date for Phase III of September 2014.

We invite you to worship with us over the summer as this wonderful restoration work is completed! ☐



Words from the Sr. Warden



There is so much good news about Easter. We rejoice in the resurrection of our King. The children (and some adults) take joy in an Easter egg hunt and Easter Sunday is just one of the happiest days of the year.

But, Easter typically heralds the end of another great winter season in Naples. Those who split time between Naples and their homes (and families) up North start packing their bags and make plans for their departure.

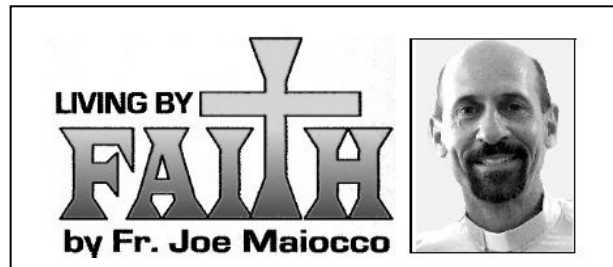
What does this mean for St. John's? Well, to start, it means a lot of our church family leaves. Winter friendships are interrupted and our pews are the sadder for it. About 70%, give or take, of our faithful leave Naples and resume their attendance at their other home churches.

The church on Saturday evening and Sunday morning is different. It feels emptier, because it is. But, then again, it isn't. I have always wondered why so many of us sit in the same pew on the same side of the church. Now, I think I know why. Maybe we do it so that when we are not there we will be remembered praying, singing, laughing and sharing the peace together. A part of us is always at St. Johns. So, for those who leave to head north, know that a part of you remains in our hearts.

Next season when you return, St. John's will have finished a three-year labor of love. The restoration of our Church and grounds will be complete. The final phase will be completed this summer with the renovation of our parking facilities, complete with new landscaping and lighting. It is going to be beautiful.

So, keep St. John's in your prayers. We will certainly keep you in ours. We miss you already! God bless you and your families. ☐

Peter Zimmermann, Senior Warden



Ned & Sky...Missionaries to North Africa

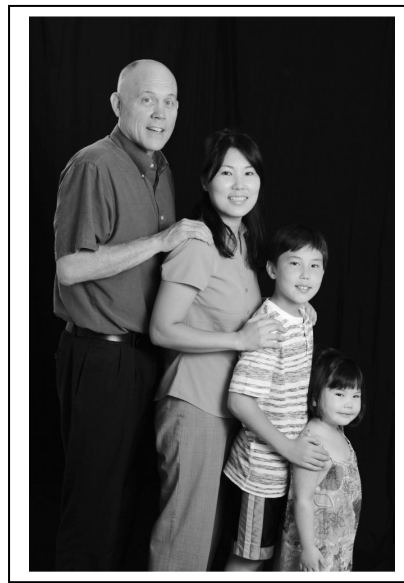
When St. John's fiscal year ends in December, if surplus funds are available, the Rector suggests to the Vestry worthy international outreach to support. Often, these ideas come from St. John's members, like Tony & Ellie Leigh's lifetime relationship with Ned Derrickson.

Ellie shares "Ned's love for Jesus is passionate and I noticed this when I met him as a teenager. He's been a friend to St. John's since his job in Peru, when he sent matchstick crosses made by Sunday school students in his parish. There, he met Bert Elliott (Jim Elliott's brother), where both served as missionaries. Together, they sent me Bert's journal, which I have just sent to Elizabeth Elliott. St. John's supported this Peruvian ministry in 1990.

"When Ned moved into Asia, I was warned not to write him Christian lingo, so we began our YSIC (your sister in Christ) messages in codes. Ned met and married Seul Kee (Sky) in South Korea. Together they have two children and now minister in Egypt to Nubians. In teaching, they ap-

proach Muslims with Abraham's story. 'We will continue offering our children in sacrifice until we learn that God is Love. From there it's easy to show Jesus.' "

Ned shares in his January 2014 newsletter, *The North African Chronicles*, "Never in the history of



Egypt, since the time of Mohammed, has this happened: Egyptians can now choose what religion they belong to, according to the New Constitution passed last week. No longer will Muslims be imprisoned for accepting Christ. Application of this provision will be very difficult, but if enforced, this is historic and extremely rare in the Middle

East. Christian Evangelism is still a crime. Please pray for freedom from persecution and discernment as we continue training and implementing leveraged church planting methods. "

The rest of his newsletter highlights sexually abused youth and how risky Egypt's environment is, overall. Ned and Sky, in honoring God's call in their lives, are regularly exposed to danger and threats, yet the Lord is blessing their ministry to Muslims. Working with local Christians, we pray their Church continues to grow and prosper through the power of the Holy Spirit.

What an honor to prayerfully and financially support this ministry! I'll close with a prayer request from Ned: "Please pray for safety as we encounter multiple health and political risks in our environment here. The ousted Muslim Brotherhood and criminal elements continue to attack the Christian community through kidnapping, murder and bombing, most of which goes unreported." †

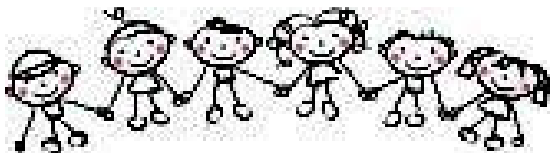
The St. John's Family Prays for Ned...Sky...& Family

Dominican Republic Mission Team being formed for July

A Mission Team is being formed to continue building Espiritu Consolador in the Dominican Republic. Located in Dajabon, on the border between the Dominican Republic and Haiti, the team plans to travel to this area in July.

In addition to building, we hope to be involved in outreach efforts with Padre Manuel, and will take needed precautions for an area that has cholera and malaria.

If you're interested in being part of this team, please contact Fr. Joe, as space is limited. □



Sunday School finishing up another busy and fun year

Sunday School sent 16 boxes to deployed military in April. Those who received them were very appreciative. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

We had a scavenger hunt the first Sunday of the month looking for a list of items relating to Holy Week.

Easter Sunday, there was an egg hunt. Cathy had 12 plastic eggs, each of which held one item that had a story to describe it. By the end of the twelve eggs, the children had heard the Passion of Jesus, the Betrayal, and the Resurrection. Hopefully, Easter now means more than just bunnies and candy!

Twenty children searched for about 600 eggs. Six eggs had a ticket to redeem for a cute stuffed bunny.

Our year will finish on May 4, with Mothers Day crafts and a movie, we will have a few activities this summer, so watch the *Parishlife* for details. □

Cathy Latimer



Parish "Prayer Quilt" blessed

The beautiful prayer quilt, begun during Lent and completed by the "Stitches of Love" group, was blessed during the Palm Sunday service. It will be displayed in a prominent place as yet to be determined. □



Jamie Treadwell to paint another Naples Sunset at the Pier

Join Urban Monk and artist Jamie Treadwell at the Naples Pier on Sunday, May 11, at 7 p.m. and watch him capture the beauty on canvas. □

Don't forget to wear your nametags at summer services

Summer's coming, and with the change of seasons and worship schedules, we have the opportunity to greet others in our congregation that we may not have seen in a while, or even met yet. It is much easier to remember others' names when we have also seen it on their nametag. We encourage everyone to remember to wear their nametag at worship services and other parish events, and welcome each other in the name of the Lord! □

Cheri Moyers



New Members

Kenneth & Margo Block
Jane & Rick Baker
Clayton & Deborah Jones
Edythe McCutcheon
Donna Beecher
Jason Carl

Transferred Out

Mercedes Wall
Joan & Jerry Warren

Deaths

Wirt Farley, March 29

Please inform the Parish Secretary of any additions or corrections.



Golfathon

Tuesday, May 6

7:30 a.m.

If you are interested in golfing or supporting this effort, please call the church office at 261-2355, ext. 4 or fill out a form in the Narthex. □

St. John's Thrift Shoppe celebrates May and the "bloom" of summer

The month of May – the “bloom” of summer is upon us. This month brings farewell for a while to many of our seasonal friends, volunteers and customers. And yet, the slower pace and sweet “blossoms” of summer bring many new friends into our Shoppe. For those leaving us or traveling this summer, may your travels bring you safely back to us.

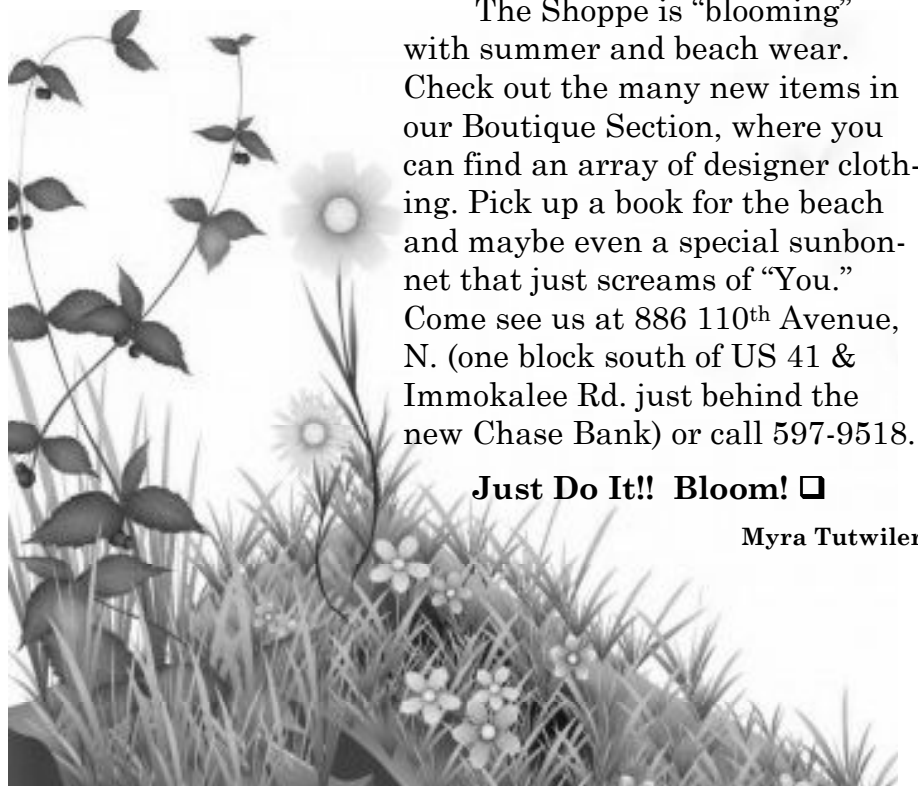
Whether journeying north for the summer or staying in the area, you may be spring-cleaning your home and closets, so don't forget to drop off your donations at the Shoppe. Are you putting a new “bloom” on your home and redecorating this spring? Donate your furniture and home accessories, lamps, linens, artwork, draperies, etc. Furniture inspection and pick up is available by calling Beverly Herr at 597-9518.

Do you have time on your hands now that busy season is over? We will welcome you as one of our friendly Volunteers? We have a lot of “blooming” fun as we do God's work! Not only will you enjoy making new friends, but you can take pleasure in knowing you are helping those in need through our out-reach charities. Call Lisa Kupcunas at (214) 223-4739 for more information.

The Shoppe is “blooming” with summer and beach wear. Check out the many new items in our Boutique Section, where you can find an array of designer clothing. Pick up a book for the beach and maybe even a special sunbonnet that just screams of “You.” Come see us at 886 110th Avenue, N. (one block south of US 41 & Immokalee Rd. just behind the new Chase Bank) or call 597-9518.

Just Do It!! Bloom! □

Myra Tutwiler





Back row, l. to r.: Vickie Bauch, Leo Velazquez, Betty Dibiaso
Front, l. to r.: Mary Gage, Kim Hirsch, Iris Velazquez and Jack Dibiaso

Order of St. Luke expanding to serve us all

The St. John's chapter of the International Order of Saint Luke the Physician (OSL) grew significantly on April 6 as four new associate members were inducted at the 9:00 a.m. service.

As most parish members know, OSL is dedicated to promoting and practicing the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Its membership spans all Christian denominations.

The new associates are: Mary Gage, Kim Hirsch, and Leo and Iris Velazquez. As part of their training, they studied Scripture, especially the biblical stories of the healing miracles of Jesus Christ. Jack and Betty Dibiaso served as their instructors and guides during the eight-week training sessions. The membership of OSL at St. John's now stands at fifteen.

In addition to the induction of new members, St. John's congratulates Vickie Bauch, who was elevated to the level of Convener. In this position she will oversee the conducting of business within the St. John's chapter and serve as our liaison with the international organization.

We will continue to offer Prayer Teams on Sunday as we move into our summer schedule of a single blended service at 10:00 a.m.

For the past few months we have offered Prayer Teams on the first Saturday of the month. The new associates allow us to expand our ministry to provide Prayer Teams at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. service each week during our off-season schedule.

Father Joe continues to encourage us in spiritual growth through prayer. The Order of St. Luke seeks to expand our ministry. We are in ongoing discussions to bring a deeper connection to the parish. Among the proposals is the opportunity to provide extended physical and spiritual healing prayer.

We encourage all members of St. John's to prayerfully consider what they would like to see as the role of the OSL in parish life. Speak to any OSL associate and become a part of the dynamic change that is happening among us. We actively seek your input.

May God give you peace. □

Jim Bongard
The Order of St. Luke the Physician

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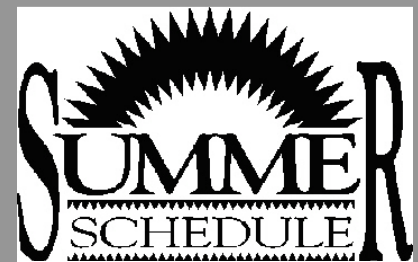
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**begins
Saturday
May 3**

**Traditional Service at
5 p.m.**

**Sunday
May 4**

**Blended Service at
10 a.m.**

**This schedule
continues through
Sunday, October 26.**

Deadline for June/July Parishlife: Noon, Friday, May 23